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: Reduced Formaldehyde Nonwoven Binders
Which Contain Polymerized Units of N-methylolacrylamide

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

The following is in response to the final office action mailed on September 16, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claim:

4. (Thrice Amended) The vinyl acetate based polymer of Claim 3 wherein the reducing agent represented by the formula is selected from the group consisting of: 2-hydroxyphenyl hydroxymethyl sulfinic acid-sodium salt; 4-methoxyphenyl hydroxymethyl sulfinic acid-sodium salt; 2-hydroxy-2-sulfinato acetic acid-disodium salt; 2-hydroxy-2-sulfinato acetic acid-zinc salt; 2-hydroxy-2-sulfinato propionate-disodium salt; and ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-sulfinato propionate-sodium salt.